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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19991007175436.0080d100@pop.voyager.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Oct 1999 17:54:36 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Kim Herron <kherron@voyager.net>
Subject: Re: HQ-180 Sabotage
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Jim (and list),

No adjustment I could make would get
>the oscillator anywhere near aligned on the high end of that
>range, and it wasn't until I looked around carefully did I
>find the added capacitor that was fouling things up. Wonder
>why the previous owner did it?

I've seen lots of that stuff and worse. That's what you get when you use a generator that's not on frequency. People automatically assume that the radio's wrong and the test gear is right.

I fixed a 180 that some phooie fixed that way. He also decided that to get his radio to track, he'd tweak the small trimming segments on the main and bandspread caps. That there took me almost a month to undo. I know it fixed it and well, because the owner of that radio, tells me how great it is every now and then, and he subs to this list. Ain't life wonderful. Makes me want to buy some of these people one of the t-shirts I just saw advertised in a new Harriet Carter catalog : YOUR VILLAGE CALLED--THEIR IDIOT IS MISSING!

Kim

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 1999 17:28:26 -0500 (CDT)
From: Sheldon Wheaton <swheaton@sky.net>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: ARC-5 "Front connector"
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.991007172037.18384A-1000000@sky.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have an ARC-5 "accessory drawer" that has nothing other than a connector on the front. I recall being told a long time ago, that it was for the purpose of powering the LM frequency meter. Now that I think about it, I am not sure if it was for an ARC-5 or an ARA receiver. It had a nomenclature tag of some sort on the front also. I never figured this was anything too uncommon, but if Dave Stinson isn't familiar with it, it MUST be rare!

73,
Sheldon KC0CW

Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 21:08:55 -0500
From: "David L. Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: ARC-5 Receiver ... and Ozone

Stanley A McIntosh <mcintos@basf-corp.com> wrote:

>Just picked up an ARC-5 receiver....
> The front panel connector cover is broken...
I'm not sure what you mean here.
Assuming the unit does not have an unusual accessory drawer,
the only "connector" on the front should be the antenna.

<snip>

Message-Id: <3.0.32.19991007183733.007ebd70@mail.wt.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Oct 1999 19:18:51 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Benjamin D. Hall" <kd5byb@WT.NET>
Subject: Another freebie
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Greetings all...

While going thru a manual for an NCX-5, I found what appears to be part or all of an original manual for a Johnson "KILOWATT MATCHBOX" Antenna Coupler.

Since I don't own one, I've got no use for this manual and want to pass it along to someone who does. So, it is available for the cost of postage, via Rules of Ware... Best story and/or best tale of need gets it, plus I'm open to bribes. Winner determined any way I feel like.

Thanks and 73,
Ben

Benjamin D. Hall, KD5BYB, Engine and radio collector / operator.
Located in Houston, Texas, USA.

e-mail: kd5byb@WT.net, web: <http://web.wt.net/~kd5byb/>

"An ye harm none, do what thou wilt."

Message-ID: <004401bf113a\$4f3f7f40\$b9ec5e18@mmcable.com>

From: "Joe Watson" <wwatson@mmcable.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Boatanchor Collection for Sale (26 receivers)

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 1999 22:07:51 -0500

MIME-Version: 1.0

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charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, gang, I have made the inevitable decision that I cannot take these with me (in the hereafter, I mean) so I have decided to look into selling them.

At the moment I am not interested in shipping them or in breaking up the collection. However, if someone out there would be able to bring a pickup or a van to Edmond, Oklahoma, to get them, I would try to negotiate a fair price.

Here is an approximate inventory of the lot, and I will refine it if someone is interested:

NATIONAL:

HRO-60R (four units as follows: one nice, in good working order; two clean, needing some TLC; one clean, needs some lab mods reversed---can be done, but will take a little time)

HRO-60 coils (one set A-J; one set A-D)

HRO-50R (two units which are clean, needing some TLC)

One HRO-50/60 rack mount speaker, with coil compartments

One HRO-50/60 rack mount speaker, plain

HALLICRAFTERS:

SX-73 (nice, in good working order)
SX-28A (nice, in good working order, mounted in SX-42 cabinet!)
SX-28/28A (about half a dozen in various unrestored condition)
SX-71 (nice, in good working order)
SX-25 (good, works some)

HAMMARLUND:

SP-600 (two of these, nice, good working order; one in original cabinet,
one in stock cabinet)

COLLINS:

51J-3 (clean, good working order)
51J-4 (good, works okay, panel clean, knobs need polishing)

TMC:

GPR-90 (very nice, good working order, in original cabinet)

EDDYSTONE:

730/4 (front panel nice, good working order, cabinet could use a coat of
paint)

SURPLUS:

BC-348, etc (three of these in various condion, some working)

BC-312 (unrestored, needs cleanup)

I will be away from a computer this weekend, but if you are interested in
pursuing this, send me an e-mail. I will answer them in order.

Thanks.

Joe Watson

W5WBR

From: AAFRadio@erols.com
Message-ID: <37FD543E.AF6E88BB@erols.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Oct 1999 22:17:34 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: ARC-5 "Front connector"
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> on the front.
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> isn't familiar with it, it MUST be rare!

Heh, heh, I can predict without too much fear of contradiction that Dave is quite familiar with it - he referred to it as "unusual accessory drawer" in his post. :-) There are several variations of four different adapters for the generic command receivers, some of which are super rare. With two exceptions they are all black wrinkle painted. For the purist they can be categorized as follows:

Blank filler panel - has removal knob and internal jumper to enable use of remote control. The SCR-274N versions come in both black wrinkle and bare aluminum. CBY-49109 for the RAT and RAVs, CBY-49107 for the ARAs, FT-230 for the SCR-274Ns, and MX-21/ARC-5 for the ARC-5 receivers. These are the most common adapters.

"Local" control - has volume control and MCW-OFF-CW switch mounted on panel. Variations include serial number plate in lower left corner (RAT and RAV series - CBY-23154), blockoff tab on switch to disable CW position (for R-112/R-113 tunable VHF ARC-5 receivers - perhaps 200 made), and the more common FT-260A (SCR-274N) and C-24/ARC-5. No ARA versions are listed in the ARC manual, though one may have been added in the later Stromberg Carlson contract - don't have time to check tonight. All of these are fairly rare.

Audio adapter - ARC-5 only - has small three pin ARC type connector mounted in center for instrument landing equipment - designated MX-19/ARC-5. Quite rare - not widely used even in the original system.

Power adapter - has 5 pin banana plug type pins for uses such as range adapters and LM freq meter power. The ARA version has both a blue nomenclature label and a red warning one on the front (CBY-62036). The SCR-274N (FT-310-A) had two black labels, and there was also a bare aluminum variation for this set. The ARC-5 version has a single red warning label to the right of the connector and is designated MX-20/ARC-5. Rarer than the blank fillers, but reasonably common otherwise.

Way more than anyone wants to know, but it's late and my better judgement has escaped me...

73,
Mike Hanz KC4TOS

From: Jderm740@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.50e17c0e.252ec555@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Oct 1999 23:56:05 EDT
Subject: Re; 180 Sabotage
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: knjhanlon@uswest.net
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jim

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Maybe someone else can explain it better.

Jack McDermott

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991007222732.007de550@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Oct 1999 22:27:32 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Hue Miller <kargokult@proaxis.com>
Subject: Re: ID of call letters 1940s ??
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

W0EOM@aol.com wrote:
>Hue - I would guess that the towers in the Phillipines were part of the

500

>KW Arc station at Cavite, built during WW 1. I have seen pictures of similar
>towers at the San Diego sister station , which ran 200 kw.
>73, Will santa Clara, CA

--good point. That fact might help identify the towers in the pix. I was shortly after this looking at a photo of Navy Radio Samoa, and it had the same kind of towers, built with cross arms i suppose to support the early "cage" type wire antennas. Interesting about Samoa: towers are at almost sea level, and very close to shore, with pretty high hills towering behind them. Probably affected the favored transmit direction substantially.
73, Hue Miller

Message-Id: <199910080617.XAA15290@mail-gw5.pacbell.net>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: <knjhanlon@uswest.net>
Subject: Re: Re; 180 Sabotage
Date: Thu, 7 Oct 1999 22:58:12 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Sometimes (actually, often) you have to take alignment and calibration procedures with a grain of salt. The engineers couldn't care less about documentation for the customer and the tech writers don't know what they are writing about.

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Message-Id: <v03007801b423b2c9e515@[132.235.46.14]>

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 09:46:08 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Richard Post <post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
Subject: RBB is actually RBC - Thanks for PS info.

Hi Anchorites,

Many thanks for the power supply info. I picked up the "RBB" without a power supply last night. The case says RBB-1 at 0.5 to 4 Mhz, but the freq range is 4.0 to 27 which means that the receiver is in fact an RBC. Much to my surprise, the PS requirements are listed right on the receiver nomenclature tag! Now that's the way to do things! Tag says 105 at 5 ma, 200 at 78 ma, 17 VAC at 0.6 amps, and 6.3 at 5 amps. The tag also says it is a CRV-46148 which I assume will cross to an RBC. The ballast is still inside. The power cable appears to be homebrew with an octal plug the connections of which I will trace out.

Somewhere out there, somebody had the RBB with an RBC case, probably deep-sixed by now. AFAIK, the cases are the same but the case tag is unique to the model. I will remove the RBB tag or put it back on face down. Will swap tags if you are on the other end of a similar case swap.

Thanks to Bill W8FIX, Andy W., Bob W9RAN, Brian K7AIS, and Russ W2DYY for supplying PS info and various pieces of advice on this tough 82 pound truly on-the-boat anchor.

73,
Rich

Boatanchor Pix website - KB8TAD
<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/>

Message-ID: <000101bf11a5\$cbdb82e0\$36271ed1@wa5jci>
From: "Spencer Petri" <wa5jci@flash.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: New (To Me) Canoe Anchor
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 10:57:15 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings,

I just acquired a Stoddart NM-30A from ePay for the princely sum of \$22

shipped. No PS with the unit, however but it looks like a new one inside the case. It's "almost" as mechanical as the R-390 series, although the gears are smaller. I have a manual on the way. Anyone here ever had any experience with one of'em? I plan on using it as a powerline interference monitor in the shack and record on a strip chart to use when I have to do battle with the local electric utility the next time.

es 73 de Pete WA5JCI EM21

6 meter VUCC # 361

2 meter VUCC # 346

Content-return: allowed
Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 11:20:57 -0400
From: "Owens, Clarence" <clare.owens@otis.com>
Subject: ARC-5 "Front Connector"
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <0FJA0057ZTN832@mailman.otis.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain

Hi Mike,

Your comment about your posting, that is was "way more than anyone wants to know" certainly does not apply to me. I really appreciate seeing someone put all of the information together in one place. I had never known that those large front connectors could be used for an LM. Now I'll have to look more closely at those LMs without power supplies that seem to show up quite often and pick one up that has no external mods.

Also, one of the blank filler panels I have collected over the years from junker receivers is made of shiny black plastic. As I recall it has a manufacturer name on it but I'm not sure what it says.... Perhaps Western Electric? Anyway, it seems a little unusual and you didn't mention plastic ones. I suppose someone was trying to save the aluminum for better purposes. I don't suppose anyone ever built any more of a command set receiver out of plastic though, but it would have been interesting :-)

73,

Clare Owens N2RJB

Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 15:22:50 -0400 (EDT)
Message-Id: <199910081922.PAA04942@pop.uky.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "William L. Fuqua III" <wlfuqu00@pop.uky.edu>
Subject: Need data on tube

Got an OLD interesting tube at an hamfest. It is a Amperex JAN-CEP-8002-R. It looks like an old forced air cooled triode about 1 to 2KW plate dissipation. It has heavy thick copper fins on it and a name plate.

I need data on this tube. I got 2 of them. And guess I could build an TX or Amp and have a spare.

73
Bill wa4lav

William L. Fuqua III P.E. E-mail WLFUQU00@POP.UKY.EDU Phone (606) 257-4155
Department of Physics and Astronomy CP-177 Chem. Phys. Bldg.
University of Kentucky , Lexington, Ky 40506-0055

From: W0EOM@aol.com
Message-ID: <88b50c6b.252fae7e@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 16:30:54 EDT
Subject: Re: Need data on tube
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: boatanchors@theporch.com
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Bill - the 8002 R is an early VHF triode. fil is 16 V at 38 amp, so should warm up the shack nicely. used in FM and TV xmtrs about 1940.

Will

Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 16:08:37 -0400
From: Robert Lawson <lawson_r@popmail.firn.edu>
Subject: 455 IF Cans
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: Baswaplist <Baswaplist@foothill.net>
Message-id: <37FE4F45.1836@popmail.firn.edu>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Fellow BA'er,

I need two 455 IF cans measuring 1/2 x 1/2 x 1 inches. I have a Yaesu YO-100 that I bought recently and need to be able to convert/hook it up on the receive mode with my 75A-4. The cans mount/solder to circuit boards. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Presently, the YO-100 is set up on receive for the Yaesu series receivers.

Thanks in advance.

Robert WPE4FGR W4RL Pensacola Florida

Message-ID: <000401b11a8\$82035e60\$7866e7d0@sandy-s-pentium>
From: "Sandy Blaize" <ebjr@i-55.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Teletype Model 15 book
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 16:08:36 -0000
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For trade or ???
Old Teletype corporation model 15 information. Description,
adjustments,
etc. Will trade for something else. Old ARRL Handbook,
etc.....what have you?

73,
Sandy W5TVW

Message-ID: <37FE7388.7E2D4F1C@uswest.net>
Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 16:43:21 -0600
From: James Hanlon <knjhanlon@uswest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: HQ-180 Sabotage
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>a zero beat with the BFO set at approximately "+3KC".

Now why didn't I think of that? The simplest solutions are
always the best! Thanks, Arden. I did it, and my 50% chance
of being lucky worked out. For anyone who cares to know,
the bfo capacitor should open when the pointer goes toward
the +3 kc mark.

73,

Jim, W8KGI

Message-Id: <v03007800b42428555ea5@[209.179.195.84]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 16:02:52 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Re; 180 Sabotage

Jack Mcdermott wrote:

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>Jack McDermott

and Scott says:

I would expect that to mean fully open, or 180 degrees. Looks like the
manual writer didn't quite succeed at being clear...

Rehards,

Scott Robinson
spr@earthlink.net

Junque is GOOD for you!

Message-Id: <v03007801b42429a7ae12@[209.179.192.132]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 16:08:41 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
Subject: Wanted NL-845 Nixie tubes

Folks,

I am looking for a few of these as spares for my GenRad 1192 counter.
Yeah, yeah, I know, but it is used to works on BAs and it does have at least
the Nixie tubes.

Regards,

Scott Robinson
spr@earthlink.net

Junque is GOOD for you!

Message-ID: <013701bf11ee\$d81c86a0\$aa0ccfd1@default>
From: "Robert Nickels" <ranickel@mwci.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: O'scope
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 19:36:15 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

A guy who used to work for me wants to find a new home for his vintage Tek
o'scope:

Model 532-S7 Serial Number 6735
CA plug in module

Anyone interested, make an offer and I'll pass it along.
Thanks and 73,

Bob W9RAN

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991008184816.007afc70@pop.igc.org>
Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 18:48:16 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>
Subject: Just 70 Days
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 07:19 AM 10/8/99 -0000, Jeff, KH6O wrote:

>We've been witnessing the closure of radiotelegraph shore stations
>over the years;

Jeff makes a good if depressing point. Although one can still hear an assortment of Morse coast stations from around the world - sometimes even handling traffic - they're going fast now. And the skilled "Sparks" aboard ship is vanishing too. Soon no one will proudly wear the gold lightning bolts on their sleeves.

As we all know these men and women spent years learning their trade. It took six month at sea before you could even apply for the First Class Radiotelegraph ticket that entitled you to be the sole radio officer aboard a merchant ship.

Who has replaced these skilled, dedicated radio officers? Mates and captains. What has replaced the First Telegraph? A GMDSS certificate. Mates and captains are good men and brave, I'm not questioning that. But they're not radiomen.

The latest issue of Professional Mariner arrived yesterday. It's a great magazine, by the way, if you have any interest at all in marine matters. In it there was an ad for a maritime training school. "GMDSS Certificate in 70 Days" it said. 70 days! And that's probably considered an in-depth course compared to the certificate mills that just review the questions and answers on the test.

Okay, I admit the equipment today is much more simple to operate than a full Morse radio console. So simple in fact that the false alarm rate for GMDSS distress calls is over 95%! And maybe there's a little resentment on the part of those of us who sweated bullets for our ticktes only to see them become so much wallpaper.

But the next time you're on a cruise and you look up toward the bridge and you think about the people there who will hold your life in their hands in an emergency, remember: 70 days.

Vy 73,

Dick/"RD"

Dick Dillman, W6AWO
Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
Collector of Heavy Metal:
Harleys, Willlys and Radios Over 100lbs.

Message-ID: <007301bf11fc\$aa79c100\$d701a8c0@matra>
From: "Josh Rovero" <provero@connix.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Hosstrader's at Rochester NH
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 22:19:05 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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For a change the weather was wonderful. Crowd seemed a little thinner than this spring or last fall.....

Saw Luc Dugas, Port Barlow, Jon Pevner

Radios seen included Racal 117 and RCA CR-88 (both beauts), several R-390, SP-600, NC-183 and NC-173, the electronics drawers from FRR-59 (but no frame), lots of BC-348/224 types.

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Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 20:05:39 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Hue Miller <kargokult@proaxis.com>
Subject: Re: Just 70 Days
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I'm not wanting to step on anyone's feet unnecessarily. But it think it's worth saying, and also to the morse-competency in ham radio advocates: the 1930s model of radio communications, from the Golden Age of Radio, is for most purposes, dead.

Hue Miller KA7LXY

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Subject: Re: Just 70 Days

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At 08:05 PM 10/8/99 -0700, you wrote:

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Heh-heh. Good point, Hue. Many of the things we cling to now were considered "new fangled" when they were introduced. I can just hear the scribes saying, "Where's the art in that?" much in the same way some of us ask where the art may be in picking up a satellite telephone handset on the bridge.

Regards,

Dick

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